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## REPORTS 5769

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## SELECTMEN,

THROUGH THE TREASURER, BY THE AUDITORS,

AND THE

*Superintending School Committee,*

OF THE

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1872.

NEWPORT:

ARGUS AND SPECTATOR OFFICE,

1872.



# SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Summer terms.	No. of Winter terms.	No. of weeks each term.	School Money in each Dist.	No. of male teachers.	No. of female teachers.	No. in reading.	No. in spelling.	No. in penmanship.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in grammar.	No. in geography.	No. in history.	No. in physiology.	No. in algebra.	No. of visits by S. S. Com.	No. of visits by Pru. Com.	No. of visits by citz's & oths.	No. between 4 and 14 years of age not attending school.	No. between 14 and 21 who cannot read and write.
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Boice & Colby, 6,04

733,46

\*Register not returned.

# TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD.

## REPORT.

For the Year ending March 1, 1872.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

#### PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	Martin M. Wiggin,	\$120 96
" " 2,	Lewis T. Johnson,	43 58
" " 3,	Jonathan B. Smith,	43 19
" " 5,	Edgar A. Washburn,	62 05
" " 6,	Charles V. Pillsbury,	81 66
" " 8,	Sylvester C. Fowler,	57 66
" " 9,	Alonzo Cross,	91 19
" " 10,	John S. Sanborn,	66 74
" " 11,	Samuel Stevens,	47 77
" " 12,	Gilman B. Smith,	38 62
" " 13,	Franklin Russell,	74 00
	Boyce & Colby,	6 04
		<u>733 46</u>
Paid State Tax,		\$1146 00
" County Tax,		706 81
		<u>\$1852 81</u>

## PAID ON NOTES.

Paid James Johnson, note and interest,	\$721 35
" Mary E. Edwards, note and interest,	44 10
" Newport Savings Bank, note and interest,	518 80
" " " " interest on note,	18 20
" Lucy A. Roach, note and interest,	113 78
" Rhoda A. Hilborn, note and interest,	56 04
" Charles McDaniel, J. Clark, "	55 28
" Charles McDaniel, George McDaniel, "	486 00
" Horace D. Heath, note and interest,	2043 00
" Porter K. Philbrick, J. Colcord, "	165 60
" H. Barney, Wm. P. Smith, "	538 59
" A. S. Philbrick, note and interest,	104 53
" James M. Philbrick, J. Sanborn, "	178 05
" Arolin Clifford, note and interest,	55 97
" Thomas S. Worthen, note and interest,	64 24
" " " " " " "	315 17
" Lydia J. Quimby, note and interest,	101 00
" Oliver Nichols, note and interest,	401 16
" " " " " " "	61 74
" Samuel Stevens, note and interest,	138 33
" J. F. Hardy, R. Clark, "	300 00
" E. L. Brown, note and interest,	50 00
" Israel Sanborn, note and interest,	53 53
" Warren S. Quimby, note and interest,	1058 67
" Betsy A. Burnham, note and interest,	141 49
" Kimball Hazelton, note and interest,	148 73
" Marden Gross, note and interest,	1083 76
" Sargent Heath, H. Eastman, "	66 78
" Erastus R. Boyce, note and interest,	282 83
" A. S. Philbrick, note and interest,	51 35
" Sargent D. H. Peaslee, note and interest,	110 13
" D. H. Heath, note and interest,	1149 86
" Aaron Young, note and interest,	138 78
" Oliver Nichols, endorsement,	125 00
" Sarah Stinson, endorsement,	50 00
" Lydia J. Quimby, endorsement,	36 54
" C. McDaniel, J. C. Chase, est,	75 75
" John Heath, R. Clark, note,	47 19
" Oliver Nichols, note,	100 00
" Kimball Heselton, note,	24 30
" Mary F. Nichols, note,	15 00
" E. L. Nichols, note,	30 00
" Newport Savings Bank, note,	25 62
" Aaron L. Brown, note,	25 00
" Charles McDaniel, A. Loverin, note,	100 00
" Mary P. Roberts, note,	12 00
" E. Emerson, note,	40 00

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 \$11523 24



## REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. V. Pillsbury, for labor, plank and cash paid out,	67 95
" E. L. Brown, for labor on road,	7 50
" E. Blood, for labor on road,	3 15
" L. S. Pillsbury, for labor on road,	11 86
" Sargent Heath, J. Hill,	16 51
" Sargent Heath, labor on Perly road,	22 63
" Sargent Heath, for labor and plank,	10 61
" Henry J. Collins, for labor on road,	2 25
" Cyrus T. Hill, for labor on road,	4 75
" Joseph Sullaway, for labor on road,	5 00
" Charles M. Noyes, for labor on road,	3 75
" Martin M. Wiggin, for labor on road,	2 85
" John S. Colby, for labor on road,	6 00
" George H. Hardy, labor on road,	7 94
" John F. Hardy, for labor on road,	9 25
" Willis Hardy, for labor on road,	6 00
" James H. Hardy, for labor on road,	9 00
" Moses O. Boyce, for breaking in 1870,	2 43
" Edwin E. Loverin, for labor on road,	31 50
" David S. Luce, for labor on road,	11 25
" David S. Luce, for Sylvester Fowler,	3 00
" Moses C. Fowler, for Sylvester Fowler,	6 26
" Darius K. Davis, for Sylvester Fowler,	10 43
" Horace W. Stevens, for Sylvester Fowler,	17 59
" Henry S. Heath, for Sylvester Fowler,	2 25
" John H. Johnson, for Sylvester Fowler,	5 75
" E. A. Washburn, for plank,	29 00
" Chas. McDaniel, for A. Stevens to labor, 1870,	2 00
" Joseph Davis, Jr., non-resident highway tax work out,	40 26
" William D. Colby, bill of plank,	4 75
" M. M. Davis, road bill,	14 00
" Zimari P. Mitchell, breaking roads, 1868 and 1870,	6 25
" Horace H. Philbrick, labor on road,	5 00
" Charles P. Wells, labor on road,	25 18
" Lorenzo Dow, labor on road,	6 25
" " " " " "	21 25
" " " " " "	15 00
	<hr/> \$456 40

## DAMAGES.

Paid Oliver C. Heath, on horse and carriage, on turnpike,	\$ 12 00
" Francis Cutting, on horse and wife, on Grantham road,	22 50
	<hr/> \$34 50

## PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid bills for the support of Jeremiah Stevens,	9 67	
" David P. Goodhue, for doctoring,	21 00	
" David P. Goodhue, for doctoring paupers on Town Farm, 1870 '71,	78 30	
" F. Heath, for support of Samuel Heath,	55 00	
" David P. Goodhue, doctoring H. Heath from 1870 to 1871.	5 80	
" D. N. Adams, pair of boots for John Collins,	4 37	
" D. N. Adams, 1-2 lb. Tobacco,	40	
" Edward Story, for two coffins and robes,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$198 54

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Charles V. Pillsbury, services and expenses,	108 65	
" Charles V. Pillsbury, as Treasurer,	10 00	
" Sargent Heath, services and expenses,	33 80	
" Jacob Messer, services and expenses,	39 25	
" David P. Goodhue, services as Town Clerk,	29 75	
" Joseph Davis Jr., as Collector,	54 02	
" Charles McDaniel, Supt. School Com.,	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$303 47

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid D. H. Peaslee, Overseer of Poor, 1870,		
George pauper bill,	11 92	
" Isaac R. Chase, Kettle, Broom and Straw, delivered to Maxfield,	1 42	
" B. W. Sanborn & Co, for stationery,	4 75	
" D. N. Adams, for stationery,	1 04	
" J. P. Bancroft, bill rendered R. F. Stevens,	19 85	
" W. H. Quimby, building 19 7-8 rods stone wall round Town House lot,	44 72	
" E. H. Cheney, printing Town Reports for 1870,	29 00	
" D. P. Goodhue, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	7 75	
" Moses O. Boyce, school house tax, Dis. No. 5, Sunapee,	1 70	
" D. H. Peaslee, services as Moderator,	4 00	
" McDaniel, Davis, Jr., and Goss, Auditors,	4 50	
" Isaac R. Chase, 40 lbs. stove pipe,	6 00	
" Charles D. Sargent, F. Baptist minister money,	2 53	



Paid Jonathan B. Smith, C. minister money,	8 50	
" W. H. Richardson, bill stationary,	2 35	
" Moses O. Boyce, school money for 1870,	4 10	
" Joseph Davis, Jr., taxes abated on bond, 1871,	113 15	
" Sargent Heath, taxes abated on bond, 1870,	72 71	
Paid for coupons on town bonds,	472 50	
		<u>\$812 49</u>

Total amount paid out \$15914 91

The Selectmen by Treasurer charge themselves with the following sums of money received:

Received of County Treasurer,	\$ 60 80	
" of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	163 96	
" of State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	6 88	
" of State Treasurer, Literary fund,	73 50	
" on town notes,	10536 83	
" of J. Davis, Jr., on bond, 1871,	4538 53	
" of J. Davis, Jr., interest on money collected,	10 53	
" of Sargent Heath, Collector on bonds of 1870,	1018 94	
Total amount received,		<u>\$16409 97</u>
Total amount paid out,		15914 91

Leave a balance in the Treasury of \$495 06

#### LIABILITIES

Of the Town, as made by Auditors, Feb. 28, 1872.

Town owe on notes,	\$34910 00	
Minister money unpaid,	15 84	
Amount of bonds sold in 1870,	7950 00	
Due Sargent Heath for support of paupers from Mar. 26 1871 to Mar. 26 1872,	300 00	
Due Sargent Heath for repairing barn,	40 00	
" Nicholas Hardy, for labor on road,	12 00	
Total town debt,		<u>\$43227 84</u>

Available funds and property on hand are as follows:

Due on Collector's bond for 1868,	\$ 59 86
Due on Collector's bond for 1869,	50 00
Due on Collector's bond for 1870,	174 01
Due from Sargent Heath, Collector, interest on his bonds 1869 and 1870,	100 00
Due on Collector's bond for 1871,	713 52
Due from Moses O. Boyce and S. P. Colby, school house tax for 1871,	1 70

Personal property on Town Farm as estimated by Auditors,	700 00	
Town Farm,	1350 00	
Due United States,	1400 00	
Cash in Treasurers hands,	495 06	
Due on State bonds from reimbursement of the war expenditures,	8083 33	
		<u>\$13127 48</u>
Leaving the town actually in debt over and above available funds,		<u>\$30100 36</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
 CHARLES V. PILLSBURY, } Selectmen  
 SARGENT HEATH, } of  
 JACOB MESSER, } Springfield.

There are vouchers in the Selectmen's hands for all bills by them paid out.

CHARLES McDANIEL, }  
 JOSEPH DAVIS, Jr., } Auditors.  
 HORACE F. GOSS, }

Springfield, Feb. 28, 1872.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Superintending School Committee.

[For School Table see Page 2d.]

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If our Prudential Committees would only let their teachers *wait* for their pay, as the law provides, until their register was returned to the Supt. School Committee, properly and correctly filled out, we should be able to give a more correct report of the schools. We find many mistakes and omissions in the registers which we are unable to correct and strictly answer not being acquainted with *all* the facts in each school district.

### CENTRE DISTRICT, NO. 1.

The Summer Term under the charge of Miss Belle M. Brown was characterized by the introduction of Gymnastics in addition to the usual routine of our common schools, and at the close the examination was quite satisfactory.

Winter Term taught by Mr. W. M. Stevens a teacher of experience and one who endeavours to ascertain the best methods of interesting and instructing his pupils, succeeded in securing a profitable term. As he came here with the intention of making this school a "*perfect success*" he showed himself a witness to the old adage "*where there is a will there is a way.*" Therefore he and his scholars laboring hard in the hard school house made a very commendable amount, of improvement.

### KEMPTON & NOYES DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Summer Term taught by Miss Julia Gile. At my visit to this school near its commencement I found nine scholars who appeared well in their several studies except in giving the *whys* for their arithmetical answers. I did not visit this school near its close thinking it had one week longer to remain in session.

Winter Term begun by Miss Belle M. Brown, who, on account of failing health, was obliged to leave the school at the close of the first week; when the services of Miss Ednah S. Buswell were secured, who succeeded in her usual quiet way of having her pupils make a very commendable improvement in the several branches taught; especially the grammar class in which *great* progress was made.

### CHASE & SMITH DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Only one term (except a private school in summer taught by Miss Helen F. Adams) in the winter taught by Miss Mary E. Sargent. In this district the parents do well in lengthening their schools by always giving "*board and wood*" and requiring their scholars to be punctually at school except in cases of unavoidable necessity. The



several classes advanced quite rapidly but the entire examination did not show that thoroughness which we found in some other schools of equal length. Writing was almost wholly neglected in this school.

#### WASHBURN DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Summer Term taught by Miss Emily F. Stevens, who succeeded in giving such satisfaction, that the school was gratuitously prolonged six weeks.

Winter Term taught by Miss Sarah E. Clarke who labored hard for the good of the school, and there was a manifest improvement in all reading classes and by *all* who were constant attendants. Those parents who allow scholars to be absent a third or fourth of the time must not expect them to be equal to those who make the school a business both in and out of school hours.

#### PHILBRICK HILL DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Summer Term by Miss Frances Simmons; only three scholars—same teacher in No. 11—see report. Winter Term taught by Miss Helen F. Adams who had only five scholars. They made very commendable improvement and the examination was very creditable to both teacher and scholars. The Geographical map drawing was the best we have seen during the year, and mental arithmetic was properly studied and solutions readily and correctly given.

#### FOWLER DISTRICT, NO. 8.

But one term that your Committee has heard of, by Miss Estelle R. Heath. This was her first school. I was notified by her of the commencement of the school, and visited it, finding ample room for improvement. Have not been notified of its close nor have I received the register from either teacher or Prudential Committee. Therefore cannot report any progress.

#### MESSER DISTRICT, NO. 9

Summer Term taught by Miss Betsey A. Roby. We found this school lacking articulation and expression in their reading at each visit. The recitations were good especially the abbreviations which are so generally omitted or neglected by our teachers and scholars. Winter Term under the charge of Mr. George C. Trow who taught in this school one year ago; consequently the teacher, parents and scholars being acquainted with each other were prepared at once to enter upon the school understandingly. One prominent and commendable feature of this school was the strict order and thoroughness of the answers to each and every question of the lessons. It being proved by the examination that the proper course had been pursued. We think there are as good scholars in this district as we have in town; and this school with the exception of the reading, which needs watching carefully, is among our best.

#### STOCKER DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Summer Term taught by Miss Florette A. Powers. In this school there appeared to be a oneness of purpose on the part of both teacher and scholars. Vocal music was practiced with interest and profit. The reading was worthy of particular notice, and the examination showed a thoroughness in each recitation; hardly a mistake or hesi-

tancy during the half day of the examination in presence of a goodly number of parents, citizens and friends of our common schools. A class beginning common school arithmetic learned it thoroughly as far as linear measure in reduction. Many every-day, general, geographical and other questions and answers, interesting and instructive, were also rehearsed.

Winter Term by Miss Rosina Pillsbury. Did not visit this school but once as it closed sooner than was expected by the Prudential Committee, who visited the school, we think, during the eighth week and reported it as doing very well. Miss Pillsbury has had a long practice in teaching and doubtless fully sustained her former reputation.

#### SAML STEVENS DISTRICT, NO. 11.

But one term during the year taught by Miss Frances Simmons (who also taught in No. 6). This teacher appeared to have a good idea of the principles of instructing youth. The order was good and the scholars were well trained in their studies. Reading and *writing* which is too often neglected in many of our schools received a proper share of attention.

#### PERLEY DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Mattie H. Pillsbury. This teacher has the reputation of being a good scholar; though young she succeeded very well during both terms. There are but few, and those are well disposed scholars in this district, and the services of such teachers are of much benefit in such schools. At both examinations the scholars acquitted themselves very creditably.

#### D. H. PEASLEE DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Summer Term by Miss Ida E. Walker. During this term the scholars were mostly small yet they made a fair amount of improvement, and the teacher very successfully taught them the "sounds of letters and many of those little things essential to know. This term was but six weeks and the winter term 5 3-5 weeks.

Winter Term under the charge of Mr. Charles H. Hobart. Although this was a very short term, yet it was the most successful school that we have personally known in this district for many years. The scholars were taught to study while in the school room. There has formerly been a lack of books, and a greater lack of the use of them. But this term they had work enough to do and the examination (tho' but few scholars were present) showed that they had not idled away their time.

Let us now review briefly a few of the essentials which we are to provide to have a successful school. We think it necessary to have a place for our schools called a school-house. *This* we suppose we have—but have we school houses in proper places, in sufficiently comfortable repair, and with proper surroundings? Let us *all* think of this question for ourselves, and if *any* are found wanting see if there is *any way* to remedy the defect. One of our teachers thus speaks of remarks of the school house in which he taught the past winter: "To learn *children* must be happy; to be happy they must be surrounded with pleasant associations. If the school room be pleasant



the child is made happy—what is true of the school room is true of the surroundings of the school house. A dismal room with battered walls, whittled desks &c., tend to arouse a spirit of mischief in a child; what child ever saw a notch cut in a desk without trying to cut another. The parents in District No. 1 should remember that a well ordered mind can never be made under the influences of neglected and untidy surroundings."

Having secured a proper school room and fixtures, we need to provide a suitable teacher—such as the law requires—those who shall produce satisfactory evidence of good moral character and of suitable temper and disposition for teachers; who shall be examined in reading, spelling, writing, English grammar, arithmetic and the elements of geographical history, and in such other branches as are usually taught in the class of schools in which they propose to teach, and as to their capacity for governing the same. Every teacher at close of his school and at the end of each term thereof shall make a return of the school register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give him a certificate therefor; and *no teacher* shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee. Prudential committees will please remember the preceding requirements and that the law requires *them* to notify the Supt. School Committee of the commencement and close of each term of school and give them such information and assistance as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.

Finally we should use all the means in our power to have our scholars at School constantly, during each term, to see that they are "on time" and properly obey the rules of school.

Some of our teachers for the past year have proved to be somewhat deficient in those elementary definitions in which we expect our youth to be instructed. Reading, *writing* and *spelling* receive too little attention by those preparing themselves for teachers; it is not uncommon to find errors in spelling in copies for scholars—to say nothing of incorrect spelling in the registers.

But few of the eighteen different teachers we have had during the past year have attended the Teachers Institute and none the State Normal School.

We have a goodly number of good scholars in our schools, whom we hope to see, soon taking their places as teachers well qualified upon those principles of interesting and instructing youth which are necessary for good and successful teachers.

We have heard no complaint of any amount in regard to the government of our schools. Very few teachers have been too lenient but *none* in our opinion too strict. Order is Heaven's *first* Law; and in the school room it is utterly indispensable.

There are too many *kinds* of text books in use in *our* schools. Some means should be used to have a more sameness of school books in use.

In compliance with the statute pertaining to the annual report of the Superintending School Committee I respectfully submit the foregoing.

CHARLES McDANIEL,  
Superintending School Committee.

Springfield, N. H., Feb. 27. 1872.





